

BANNER CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rust Steven W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 SOUTH 1ST AVENUE  
(Street)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BANNER CORP [BANR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	03/14/2016		A		\$ 41.89 (1) (2) 7,175 (3)	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	03/14/2016		F		\$ 41.89 (1) (2) 7,024 (3)	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	03/14/2016		A		\$ 41.89 (1) (2) 7,749 (3)	D	



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Compensation Committee.

- (2) Market price on March 14, 2016.
- (3) Includes direct ownership of 359 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 258 shares through 401(k) Plan.
- (4) Shares relinquished to cover tax obligation on vesting of 513 performance shares.
- (5) Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares vest immediately.
- (6) Shares relinquished to cover tax obligation on vesting of 725 shares.

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